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For Hollow Structures)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2008. This response is timely by virtue of being filed within the shortened statutory period set in the Office Action.

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